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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 10/27/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Regarding Applicant's amendments to the specification it is noted that:

- a. Applicant's attempt to rename dimples 16 to projections 16 does not adequately rename ALL references to said "dimples" as indicated in, for example, line 2 of page 5 and the 4th line from the bottom of page 6 and the replacement ABSTRACT of the response received 10/27/2005, etc.,
- b. The word "deflect" is still misspelled in, for example, the replacement ABSTRACT of the response received 10/27/2005.

Regarding Applicant's amendments to the claims it is noted that:

- a. Claim 9 has not been amended to overcome the lack of antecedent basis rejection of section 6a and b of the Office action mailed 5/18/2005. A dimple of a guide thimble sleeve must be present before a projection can be inserted within. Further, "a dimple of a guide thimble sleeve" is singular, wherein "the dimples of the guide sleeve" implies more than "a" dimple is present when no such plurality of dimples has been previously set forth.
- b. Claim 10 has not been amended to overcome the rejection of section 6e of the Office action mailed 5/18/2005.

See 37 CFR 1.111.


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2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel L. Greene Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-6876. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith can be reached on (571) 272-6878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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